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FACTS OF RESERVE MILITARY LEADERSHIP HAS DEVELOPED INTO A NOT
NECESSARILY SPILL THE INTO THE YOUTH MOVEMENT. ZHANG IS BEING
REPLACED BECAUSE OF THE YOUTH MOVEMENT. ZHANG IS A POLITBURO MEMBER
IS NOT TOO OLD TO ASSUME A HIGHER POST. SUCH AS MEMBERSHIP IN THE
CCP MILITARY COMMISSION AND/OR THE STATE CENTRAL MILITARY COM-
MISSION. ADDITIONAL YI ZHANG MAY STILL BE YOUNG ENOUGH TO RETAIN
HIS POSITION IN THE POLITBURO. WHICH ACCORDING TO CHINESE LEADERS
LEAG YIACPING AND BU YACFANG, WILL UNDERGO A PERSONNEL RESHUFFLE
DURING THE SEPTEMBER CCP CONFERENCE OF DELEGATES. HAS BEEN THE
CASE IN RECENT MONTHS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE INCREMENTAL
PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE PARTY, STATE AND MILITARY WILL CONTINUE
UP TO AND AFTER THE SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE. THE INITIAL SIGNAL THAT
CHANGES IN THE PLA NAVY LEADERSHIP WILL BE "LEAKED" SOON IS QUITE
CLEAR.

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(U) ACCORDING TO REPORTS IN THE HONG KONG-BASED, PRC-CONTROLLED NEWSPAPER TA KUNG PAK, ZHANG TINGFA HAS BEEN SUCCEEDED BY WANG HAI AS COMMANDER OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY AIR FORCE (PLAAF). IN ADDITION, GAO HULIAO HAS BEEN REPLACED BY ZHU GUANG AS POLITICAL COMMISSAR FOR THE AIR FORCE. THE "SPECIAL DISPATCH" FURTHER INDICATED THE RESHUFFLE EXTENDED TO DEPUTY COMMANDER POSITIONS. THE ARTICLE ENDED WITH THE COMMENT THAT THE LEADERSHIP GROUP OF THE CHINESE NAVY IS ALSO ABOUT TO BE READJUSTED.

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